ORDINANCE NO.	
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AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A POLICY FOR PURCHASES LESS THAN \$20,000; DELEGATING AUTHORITY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Arkansas law codified at A.C.A. § 14-58-303(b)(1)(A) empowers the City Council of North Little Rock to establish procedures for purchases that are less than \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been presented with a detailed executive order by the Mayor that governs financial management within the City and ensures the proper stewardship of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council hereby approves the Mayor's Financial Management Executive Order. The Mayor is directed to take reasonable steps to communicate the requirements of this Executive Order to all employees and to timely enforce violations of the same. The Mayor may amend the Financial Management Executive Order as needed to comply with the law, accountability, or other administrative requirements by reporting the same to City Council as soon as reasonably possible.

SECTION 2: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that the proper accountability and stewardship of public funds is paramount to maintaining public trust, and that the City and the residents thereof can best be served by the adoption of this Ordinance; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:	APPROVED:
	Mayor Joe A. Smith
SPONSOR:	ATTEST:
Mayor Joe A. Smith & G	Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

FILED \\ 5\ A.M. P.M.

By CHY Attorney Carter

DATE 118116

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas

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